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SUBJECT: RESUMED SESSION OF CONFERENCE OF PLENIPOTENTIARY DELEGATIONS
(CPD) FOR NAOS

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1. THE AID HOC GROUP OF NINE REPORTED TODAY TO THE COMMITTEE OF THE
WHOLE RESULTS OF ITS DAY-LONG DISCUSSIONS. ITS PROPOSALS LISTED BELOW
HAD GENERAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE COMMITTEE AND APPEAR TO HAVE RESOLVED
THE MAJOR PROBLEMS THAT HAVE THUS FAR BLOCKED PROGRESS.

2. THE MAIN PROPOSALS OF THE AD HOC GROUP INCLUDE A) COST SHARING
WILL BE BASED ON THE AVERAGE OF ALL THE 21 SCALES OF THE FRENCH
PROPOSAL AND THE AVERAGE OF THE MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM FIGURES OF THESE
SCALES; B) REIMBURSEMENT OF OPERATING COSTS WILL BE 90 PERCENT OF
ACTUAL COST; C) ANNUAL COST TO AGREEMENT OF NETWORK OF 4 STATIONS AS
AT 1 JULY 1975 ESTIMATED AT 3,594,000 POUNDS STERLING, AND AS OF 1

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JANUARY 1978, 4,267,000 POUND STERLING (BASED ON NOVEMBER 1974 PRICES

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D) AGREEMENT WOULD HAVE MINIMUM DURATION UNTIL 31 DECEMBER 1981, AND EXTEND TACITLY FROM YEAR TO YEAR. REDISTRIBUTION OF SOVIET COSTS BETWEEN DIRECT AND OPERATING COSTS HELPED TO ACHIEVE A "PACKAGE" DEAL THAT SEEMS WIDELY ACCEPTABLE.

3. INCORPORATION OF THIS NEW UNDERSTANDING INTO AGREEMENT AND FINAL ACT NOW BEING STUDIED BY FOUR AD HOC GROUPS. ONE ELEMENT UNRESOLVED IS DEFINITION OF "TYPICAL" SHIP, AS PRESENT COSTS COVER SHIPS WITH CREWS VARYING FROM 36 TO 80 IN NUMBER.

4. IN SPITE OF ASSURANCES THAT PRACTICAL COMPROMISES HAVE NOW BEEN REACHED, SEVERAL DELEGATIONS CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT US WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE SOME CONTRIBUTION. IMPRESSION HAS BEEN GIVEN THAT A NUMBER OF PARTICIPATING STATES ARE UNEASY THAT AGREEMENT WILL REST HEAVILY ON SOVIET PARTICIPATION WITHOUT ANY US INVOLVEMENT.

5. SOVIETS CONTINUE TO REFER TO NEED FOR ADDITIONAL STATIONS TO SOUTH AND WEST OF PROPOSED 4-STATION NETWORK BUT THERE IS RELUCTANCE TO ACCEPT ANY PROPOSAL TO RE-EXAMINE THE NETWORK CONFIGURATION AT THIS TIME. DALE

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